R 140942Z JUL 09 FM AIT TAIPEI TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1945 INFO CHINA POSTS COLLECTIVE ENVIRONMENT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COLLECTIVE AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

UNCLAS AIT TAIPEI 000851

BANGKOK FOR USAID/OFDA REGIONAL ADVISOR ROB FRIEDMAN

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: <u>AEMR ECON SENV TW XE</u>
SUBJECT: 6.3 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE STRIKES OFF TAIWAN'S EAST COAST; NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE REPORTED

- $\P 1.$  (U) On July 13, a total of four earthquakes were recorded overnight off the east coast of Taiwan. The largest occurred at 2:05 AM, located 57 kilometers east of Hualian city. It registered a magnitude of 6.3. The three smaller quakes ranged in magnitude from 3.9 to 5.1 and were located between 19 and 48 km outside of Yilan City. Tremors and swaying were felt over 100 kilometers away in Taipei.
- (U) ESTH officer made inquiries at the National Rescue and Command Center, which has a 24-hour English-speaking hotline for disaster reports and questions, and at the Ministry of Interior's National Fire Agency (NFA), which is assigned with disaster relief. Both agencies reported no injuries, deaths, or significant damage. The NFA stated there are no "disaster conditions" as a result of these earthquakes. Authorities continue to monitor the situation.

WANG